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FM AMEMBASSY KIGALI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3625

INFO AMCONSUL TANGIER IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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ALSO FOR PC AND AID/AFR/CWA

TANGIERS FOR GILBERT GRIFFIS DEPDIR PC/AFR

NAIROBI FOR REDSO/EA

KINSHASA FOR PC GUBBINS

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SUBJECT: PCV'S IN RWANDA

REF: STATE 187871

1. REFTTEL IS MYSTIFYING AS IT APPEARS OVERLOOK PREVIOUS TRAFFIC ORIGINATING WASHINGTON TOPEC AND KINSHASA AND ALSO APPARENTLY DOES NOT REFLECT UNDERSTANDINGS REACHED BY AMB AND HIGHEST LEVELS PEACE CORPS DURING MAY CONSULTATIONS.
A. RATHER THAN BEING BACK TO "SQUARE ONE", WE WERE UNDER IMPRESSION RECRUITMENT ACTIVELY UNDERWAY IN DAHOMEY (KINSHASA 6460, FOR EXAMPLE).
B. AS FOR "PERSONNEL CHANGES", AMB INFORMED IN MAY THAT SUCH CHANGES CAUSED LOSS MOMENTUM FROM JANUARY AND THAT RECRUITMENT BACK ON TRACKS. IT DIFFICULT ACCEPT SAME RATIONALE SECOND TIME AROUND.

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C. RE PC BEING "UNAWARE URGENCY", BELIEVE EMBASSY'S

1975 CABLES, AMB'S MAY KONVERSATIONS AND SUBSEQUENT LTR TO ACTION DIR DELLENBACK DTD JUNE 4 LEFT FULL UNDERSTANDING AS REFLECTED TOPEC CABLES SUCH AS "ENTHUSIASTIC" STATE 119581.
D. RE HOST COUNTRY REQUEST, KIGALI 73 NOTED THAT IN SIGNING USG-GOR AGREEMENT ON FSM PROJECT, GOR INTER ALIA REQUESTED PCV. NEVERTHELESS, AMB AGREED SEEK PRO FORMA WRITTEN CONFIRMATION WHILE PRIORITY RPT PRIORITY PCV RECRUITMENT PROCEEDING. KIGALI 348 NOTED ONLY THAT REQUEST WAS "UNDER PREPARATION" BUT NOT "POUCHED". GOR REQUEST FROM MINAGRI CURRENTLY PENDING FONOFF AND EMB HAS OBTAINED ADVANCE COPY BEING POUCHED AUG 15. (WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR ENGLISH TEACHERS AND LAB TECH WERE POUCHED JUNE 20 AND AUG 6 RESPECTIVELY. IF ADDITIONAL COPIES NEEDED, PLS ADVISE.)
E. RE AMBASSADOR'S CONCURRENCE, BELIEVE THAT ASPECT SATISFIED BY JUNE 4 OFFICIAL LETTER TO ACTION DIRECTOR.

2. HOUSING - COMMENTS ON HOUSING ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. GOR POLICY - AS OF JULY 31, GOR STOPPED RENTING HOUSING FOR ITS PERSONNEL AS IMPOSSIBLE TO LOCATE. THUS, NO GOR HOUSING CURRENTLY AVAILABLE KIGALI AND GOR DID NOT BUDGET PCV HOUSING ALLOWANCE IN CURRENT (SEPT-DEC 1975) DEVELOPMENT BUDGET. GOR (MIN AGRI) HAS INDICATED IT WILL ATTEMPT INCLUDE PCV HOUSING ALLOWANCE IN NEXT DEVELOPMENT BUDGET (JAN-DEC 1976) BUT SITUATION UNCERTAIN. HOUSING DELICATE POINT FOR GOR AS HOUSING SHORTAGE CRITICAL. OTHER BILATERAL AND INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES ALSO UNABLE LOCATE ADEQUATE HOUSING FOR THEIR PERSONNEL.
B. ALTERNATIVES - AS DIRECT HOUSING UNAVAILABLE AND GOR HOUSING ALLOWANCE QUESTIONABLE, FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVES EXIST:
1) TDY, SHORT TERM: USE OF MODEST FACILITIES EMBASSY TRANSIENT QUARTERS.
2) LONGER TERM: EMB CERTAIN IT CAN LOCATE SUITABLE QUARTERS. PC COULD THUS PAY PCV HOUSING ALLOWANCE WHILE EMB CONTINUES SEEK GOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR SUCH ALLOWANCE.
3) OTHER: EMB BELIEVES HOST COUNTRY CONTRIBUTION NEED NOT BE IN HOUSING. BELIEVE OTHER SUPPORT COULD AND SHOULD BE COUNTED AS EQUIVALENT SUCH AS VEHICLE SUPPORT FOR WHICH GOR ALREADY COMMITTED IN PROJECT AGREEMENT.

3. QUALIFICATIONS - PCV REQUIREMENTS CAN BE REDUCED TO FOLLOWING:
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SINGLE MALE; NO AGE LIMIT AS LONG AS MATURE AND FLEXIBLE IN FLUID SITUATION OF DEVELOPING PROGRAM IN DEVELOPING COUNTRY; STRONG FARM BACKGROUND, PREFERABLY FROM REGION WHERE SUBSTANTIAL ON-FARM STORAGE FOUND; EXPERIENCE IN COUNTRY ELEVATOR IDEAL; NO DEGREE REQUIRED; AA IN AGRICULTURE DESIRED. PERFECT FRENCH LANGUAGE NOT NECESSARY, BUT ABILITY COMMUNICATE IN SPOKEN FRENCH ESSENTIAL.

4. COMMENT: WHAT IS PAST IS HOPEFULLY NOT PROLOGUE. IMPORTANT TASK NOW IS TO GET A PCV TO RWANDA FOR THE FSM IPROJECT WHOSE IMPLEMENTATION IS AS STATED IN AMB'S LETTER TO ACTION DIR DELLENBACK "...PROBABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR IN OUR RELATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA". TO THAT END, I APPRECIATE ANY AND ALL EFFORTS TO GET THE ASSISTANCE WE NEED NOW. RECENT US NEWS AND WORLD REPORT ARTICLE NOTED THAT RWANDA WOULD SOON BECOME 69TH COUNTRY TO RECEIVE VOLUNTEERS. EMB HASN'T GIVEN UP. FRITTS

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